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At page 4, between lines 15 and 16, please insert the heading --DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION-- at the center of the line as a paragraph.

IN THE CLAIMS:

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1. (Amended) A pigmented solventborne paint pack which can be made into a waterborne coating composition comprising:
i) a solution in an organic solvent of polymer having functional groups and hydrophilic groups; and
ii) a waterborne pigment dispersion comprising pigment dispersed in water in the presence of a pigment dispersant, the aqueous pigment dispersion itself being in dispersion in said solution of organic solvent.

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5. (Amended) A paint pack as claimed in claim 1 in which the hydrophilic groups are carboxylic acid groups or amine groups.

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8. (Amended) A paint pack as claimed in claim 1 in which the polymer is a vinyl addition polymer, a polyester, a polyurethane, a mixed polyester-polyurethane or an epoxy polymer.

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13. (Amended) A paint pack as claimed in claim 1 in which the polymer has a number average molecular weight as measured by gel permeation chromatography of 700 to 10,000.

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15. (Amended) A paint pack as claimed in claim 1 in which the polymer has an acid value of up to 50.

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16. (Amended) A solventborne activated paint pack as claimed in claim 1 further comprising a crosslinker which is dissolved in the organic solvent.

20. (Amended) A process for producing a solventborne paint pack which can be made into a pigmented waterborne coating composition, comprising a polymer having hydrophilic groups and functional groups, and a crosslinker for the polymer, comprising the steps of:

- i) forming a solution of the polymer in an organic solvent; and
- ii) dispersing a waterborne pigment dispersion in the polymer solution.

21. (Amended) A process for producing a solventborne activated paint pack which can be made into an aqueous coating composition as claimed in claim 20 further comprising the steps of:

adding to the solventborne paint pack a crosslinker which is soluble in the organic solvent;
and forming a solution of the crosslinker in the solvent.

22. (Amended) A process for producing an aqueous coating composition as claimed in claim 21 used to produce an aqueous coating composition further comprising the step of emulsifying the solventborne activated paint pack in an aqueous medium.

23. (Amended) A process as claimed in claim 22 used to coat a substrate further comprising the step of applying a layer of a waterborne coating composition according to claim 22 to a surface of the substrate and thereafter causing or allowing the layer to cure.

REMARKS

Support for the above amendments is found in the specification of the patent application as originally filed. The specification and claims have been amended to put them into conformance with United States practice. The amendments are formal and involve no new matter.